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WARRANT, CONTAINING ORDERS AND  
REGULATIONS REGARDING THE  
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OF THE ROYAL MILITARY ASYLUM.

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GEORGE R.

WHEREAS OUR Commissioners for the Affairs of Our Royal Military Asylum did, in pursuance of Our Commands, signified to them in Our Warrant bearing date the 24th of June, 1801, prepare and present to Us, in their Report, dated the 30th day of April, 1803, certain Orders and Regulations for the good Government of Our said Asylum, and for the attainment of the humane

objects for which it has been erected ; and did, in the same Report, propose such an Establishment of Officers, as they deemed necessary, in the first instance, to be appointed in Our said Asylum, together with the Salaries and Allowances fitting to be annexed to their respective employments ; of which Report, in all its parts, WE were pleased to approve : And Whereas divers additional Regulations and Appointments of Officers have at different times since been represented to Us by Our Commander in Chief, at the request of our said Commissioners, to be essential to the welfare of the Institution ; and have in like manner met with our Royal Approbation : WE do, therefore, confirm hereby the several Acts which have been done or directed by Our said Commissioners, in conformity to Our said Warrant, and to the Report

and Representations aforementioned :  
 and, in regard to the Commissioners  
 for managing the affairs of our Royal  
 Military Asylum, as well as to the  
 Regulations for the Establishment and  
 Government of the same, in future,  
 WE do declare Our Will and Plea-  
 sure, to be as follows :

OUR most dearly beloved Son,  
 Field Marshal, Frederic, Duke of York  
 and Albany, Commander in Chief of  
 all Our Forces in our United King-  
 dom of Great Britain and Ireland ;  
 Our most dearly beloved Son, Gene-  
 ral, Edward, Duke of Kent ; Our most  
 dearly beloved Son, Lieutenant Gene-  
 ral, Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cum-  
 berland ; Our most dearly beloved  
 Son, Lieutenant General, Adolphus  
 Frederic, Duke of Cambridge ;

General, Charles, Earl of Har-  
 rington, Colonel of Our First Regi-

ment of Life Guards; Brownlow, Bishop of Winchester; Lieutenant General, William, Lord Cathcart, Colonel of Our Second Regiment of Life Guards; Our right trusty and well beloved, Charles Yorke, late Secretary at War; General, Sir David Dundas, Knight of the Bath, Governor of Our Royal Hospital at Chelsea; Lieutenant General, George Hewett, Barrack Master General to Our Forces; Major General, Robert Brownrigg, Quarter Master General of Our Forces; Major General, Harry Calvert, Adjutant General of our Forces;

Together with,  
The General Commanding in Chief Our Forces in the United Kingdom, for the time being; our Secretary at War; Our Bishops of London and Winchester; the Paymaster General of Our Land Forces; Our Master General of the Ordnance; Our Quar-

ter Master General; Our Adjutant General; Our Barrack Master General; Our Inspector General of the Recruiting Service; the Governor, and Lieutenant Governor, of Our Royal Hospital at Chelsea; the Colonels of Our Two Regiments of Life Guards; Our Judge Advocate General; Our Commissary General of Stores and Provisions in Great Britain; the Chaplain General of our Forces; and Our Deputy Secretary at War; *All for the Time being*; shall be Commissioners for the Government of Our Royal Military Asylum, and for the Direction, Management, and Control, of all Affairs belonging thereto.

And, it is Our Royal Pleasure, that Our Commander in Chief for the time being shall be the President, and Our Secretary at War for the time being shall be the Vice-President, of Our said Royal Military Asylum.

WE do hereby Grant to Our several Commissioners above specified, or any Five or more of them, forming a Board, (of whom Our Commander in Chief, Secretary at War, Paymaster General, Quarter Master General, Adjutant General, or Governor of Chelsea Hospital, shall always be One,) full Power and Authority generally to do, perform, and direct, all such Matters and Things, as They, in their Discretion, shall judge expedient, for the due Government and Maintenance of Our said Asylum; subject to such further Orders, Regulations, and Instructions, as WE shall at any time or times hereafter think fit to give under Our Royal Sign Manual, in relation to Our said Asylum, and to the Government thereof.



Four Quarterly, or General, Boards shall be holden in each Year; viz. on the 1st Tuesday in the Months of January, April, July, and October, or as soon thereafter as may be; of which the Secretary shall give due notice to each Commissioner, one Week, at the least, preceding each Board.

At those Quarterly Boards the general business of the Institution shall be transacted: such as the Appointment or Removal of Officers, not holding their Employments by Commission from Us; the Authorising and Approving of Contracts; the Examining and Settling of all Accounts; and the consideration of the necessary Applications, from time to time, to Parliament, for the Sums required in Support of the Institution.

A Committee (open to all Commissioners, but at which, Three of those specially named by the General Board shall always be present) shall meet as often as occasion may require to receive Reports; to determine on the reception, or rejection, of Children recommended for admittance into the Asylum, under such Restrictions and Regulations as shall have been previously prescribed by Our Commissioners at any General Board; and to give directions in all Matters respecting the interior Economy of the Institution: and whenever such Committee may find it expedient, it is to direct the Secretary to Summon a Special General Board of Commissioners, at any intermediate time between the Quarterly Boards.

In the selection of the Children for admission, preference in general shall be given,

1st, To Orphans.

2nd, To those, whose Fathers have been killed; or have died on Foreign Service.

3d, To those who have lost their Mothers, and whose Fathers are absent on Duty abroad.

4th, To those whose Fathers are ordered on Foreign Service; or, whose Parents have other Children to maintain.

The merit of the Father, as to Regimental Character, shall be always considered as a principal recommendation.

None shall be admitted, except the Children, born in Wedlock, of Warrant and Non-commissioned Of-

## ficers and Soldiers of Our Regular Army.

Every Child, previously to admission, must be ascertained to be entirely free from mental, and bodily, infirmity or defect.

The Parents, or Friends, applying for the admission of Children, shall be required to sign their consent to such Children remaining in the Asylum as long as Our Commissioners may think fit; and to their being disposed of, when of proper Age, at the discretion of the Commissioners, as Apprentices, or Servants; or, if Boys, to their being placed, with their own free consent, in Our Regular Army, as Private Soldiers.

The number of Children to be admitted shall not exceed

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; exclusive of such as, upon any pressure of special circumstances, may be received (for a time, and until they are of proper Age to be removed, or until vacancies may occur in the Asylum) into the Infant Establishment in the Isle of Wight; hereby declared to be a Branch of this Our Royal Institution, and to be under the general control of the Commissioners thereof.

The following shall be the Officers, Assistants, and Servants, on the Establishment of Our Royal Military Asylum; subject to such further change, augmentation, or diminution, in the description, number, or Salaries, of the under Officers, Assistants, and Servants, as to Our said Commissioners may hereafter appear necessary: viz.

## A COMMANDANT;

To whom, in consideration of the great trust reposed in Him, and the continued attention required of Him to promote the general welfare of the Institution, WE are pleased to assign the Pay of 400*l.* per Annum, with an Allowance of Coals and Candles for three Rooms.



## A TREASURER;

To whom WE are pleased to Grant a Salary of 300*l.* per Annum, including all Allowances for Clerks, Stationery, or otherwise.

A CHAPLAIN, AND SUPERINTENDANT  
OF MORALS AND EDUCATION;

To whom WE are pleased to Grant a Salary of 280*l.* per Annum,

with an Allowance of Coals and Candles for two Rooms and an half.



AN ADJUTANT AND SECRETARY;

To whom WE are pleased to Grant the Pay of Ten Shillings per Diem, with an Allowance of Coals and Candles for two Rooms.



A QUARTER MASTER AND STEWARD;

To whom we are pleased to Grant a Salary of 180*l.* per Annum, with an Allowance of Coals and Candles for two Rooms.



A SURGEON;

Who, holding the Rank of Surgeon to Our Forces, shall have the Pay of Fifteen Shillings per Diem, with an

Allowance of Coals and Candles for two Rooms and an half;—he shall have the Assistance of an Hospital Mate, (not Resident in the House,) at Five Shillings per Diem, without any other Allowance.



A SERJEANT-MAJOR OF INSTRUCTION ;

Whose Pay shall be Three Shillings per Diem, with Clothing ; Board, the same as the Children ; and an Allowance of Coals and Candles for one Room.



A QUARTER MASTER SERJEANT ;

Whose Pay shall be Three Shillings per Diem, with Clothing ; Board, the same as the Children ; and an Allowance of Coals and Candles for one Room.



## SERJEANT ASSISTANTS;

In the proportion of One to every Fifty Boys; they shall have the Pay of One Shilling and Ten Pence per Day each; Clothing and Board; and an Allowance of Coals and Candles, according to the Season of the Year, in a proportion to be fixed by Our Commissioners.

To such of the Serjeant-Assistants as shall be employed to instruct the Boys in the different Trades, WE are pleased to allow Six Pence per Diem, each; in addition to the Pay of One Shilling and Ten Pence above specified.



## A SERJEANT PORTER;

Who shall have the Pay of One Shilling and Ten Pence per Day; with Clothing, and One Shilling per Diem

in lieu of Board ; together with an Allowance of Coals and Candles, in a proportion to be fixed by Our Commissioners.



#### TWO PIONEER CORPORALS ;

Who shall have the Pay of One Shilling and Six Pence per Diem, each ; with Clothing ; and One Shilling per Diem in lieu of Board.



#### A DRUMMER ;

To be allowed Drummer's Pay, Clothing, and Board, as the Non-commissioned Officers.



#### A MATRON ;

Who shall have 130*l.* per Annum as Salary, and in lieu of all former Al-

lowances; except in regard to Coals and Candles, the Allowance for which shall be continued to her for two Rooms.



AN ASSISTANT MATRON AND SCHOOL-  
MISTRESS;

Who is to have a Salary of 60*l.* per Annum, (in lieu of her former Salary, and Allowance for Provisions;) together with an Allowance of Coals and Candles for one Room.



ONE READING MISTRESS, AND ONE  
KNITTING MISTRESS, AND SEMPSTRESS;

Each having a Salary of 50*l.* per Annum, and an Allowance of Coals and Candles for one Room.

## NURSES ;

In the proportion of One to each Ward ; to be allowed 10*l.* per Annum, each, and their Board ; with Clothing, and Coals and Candles, the same as the Serjeant-Assistants.



## NURSES FOR THE INFIRMARY,

In proportion to the number of the Sick ; to be allowed 12*l.* per Annum, each, and their Board ; with Clothing, and Coals and Candles, as the other Nurses.



## A COOK ;

To be allowed 20*l.* per Annum, and her Board ; with Clothing, and an Allowance of Coals and Candles, the same as the Nurses. She shall

be allowed two Assistants; each having 10*l.* per Annum; with Board, Clothing, and Coals and Candles, the same as the Cook.



#### A LAUNDRESS;

To be allowed 20*l.* per Annum, and her Board; with Clothing, and an Allowance of Coals and Candles, the same as the Cooks; and to have such Aid from the Female Children, and such hired Assistance, as circumstances may from time to time require.



The Officers, Assistants, and Servants, belonging to Our Royal Military Asylum, shall not, directly or indirectly, demand or receive any

Perquisite ; or any Emolument whatever, beyond the Pay and Allowances annexed to their respective Employments, as specified in this Our Warrant, or otherwise expressly authorized by Our Commissioners ; and any such Officers, Assistants, or Servants, offending herein, shall be deemed to have forfeited their Situations.

WE do hereby Grant unto the Commissioners of Our Royal Military Asylum, or any Five or more of them, assembled at a General Board as aforesaid, full Power and Authority to Nominate, Constitute, and Appoint, from time to time, the said Officers, Assistants, and Servants, and to displace them, or any of them, as to Our said Commissioners shall seem meet : The Commandant, Chaplain, Adjutant and Secretary, Quarter-Master and Steward, and Surgeon,

excepted ; who, receiving Commissions from Ourselves, shall not be removable, unless by Our especial Command.

WE do further Grant hereby to Our said Commissioners, or any Five or more of them, assembled as aforesaid, full Power and Authority to ascertain and settle, what proportions and kinds of Victuals they shall judge most expedient for the Diet of the Children, and of such other Persons as are, in compliance with the above Regulations, to be entertained and fed in Our Royal Military Asylum ; and to make, or direct to be made, Contracts and Agreements for the furnishing of the same, at such rates, and for such periods, as to our Commissioners shall appear best ; as also, for Clothing the said Children and Persons ; and likewise, to cause the



Buildings, Furniture, Grounds, Roads, Walks, and Lights, belonging to Our said Royal Military Asylum, to be maintained and kept in Repair and proper Order, for the due Accommodation and good Government of the same.

WE do at the same time direct, and command, that, in all cases whatsoever, where any Order or Warrant is to be granted for the Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money, for the uses of the Royal Military Asylum, every such Order or Warrant shall be signed by Three or more of the Commissioners; of whom Our Commander in Chief, Secretary at War, Paymaster General, Quarter-Master General, Adjutant General, or Governor of Chelsea Hospital, shall always be One.



WE are further pleased to declare all the Officers and Persons, borne on the Establishment of Our Royal Military Asylum, to be subject to the Authority, Command, and Control, of Our said Commissioners; who are hereby empowered to make provision for the future disposal of the Children, when of a proper Age to be removed from the Asylum; according to their Qualifications, Ability, and Dispositions, and as may be most likely to be conducive to their ultimate advantage.

FINALLY, WE are pleased to Approve the Instructions hereunto annexed, which have been framed by Our said Commissioners for the more particular guidance of the Officers, Assistants, and Servants, of the Royal Military Asylum, in the execution of their respective Duties; and WE do hereby give to Our said Commissioners full

Power and Authority, from time to time, to amend or annul the same ; and to make such further Rules and Institutions, touching the ordinary Affairs of Our said Asylum, as shall not, in any case, be repugnant to these our Orders and Regulations.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 26th Day of April, 1805, in the Forty-fifth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

W. DUNDAS.



The undermentioned Commissioners have also been specially appointed, by His Majesty's Command, at various Periods, since the Date of the original Warrant above mentioned :

General His Highness WILLIAM FREDERIC,  
Duke of Gloucester.

Lieut.-General Sir CHARLES GREEN, Bart.

Lieut.-General Sir HILDEBRAND OAKES,  
Bart.

The Governor of the Royal Military College for  
the Time being.

Major General WILLIAM WYNYARD.

Major General JOHN BROWN.

Major General RALPH DARLING.

Colonel Sir B. D'URBAN, K. C. B.

Colonel JOHN MACDONALD.

WARRANT FOR ADDING ONE HUNDRED  
AND FORTY CHILDREN TO THE ES-  
TABLISHMENT OF THE ROYAL MILI-  
TARY ASYLUM.

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GEORGE R.

WHEREAS WE were pleased by Our Warrant, bearing Date the 26th Day of April, 1805, to direct, that the Number of Children to be admitted into Our Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea, should not exceed One Thousand ; and Whereas, from the extent of our Army, and from the great proportion thereof usually employed on Foreign Service, it is become highly expedient to make further Provision for the Maintenance and Education of distressed Children of Non-commissioned Officers and Sol-

diers belonging to Our Regular Forces :  
 OUR Will and Pleasure therefore is,  
 that the Number to be admitted into  
 Our said Asylum shall be extended to  
 Seven Hundred and Ninety-two Boys,  
 and Three Hundred and Forty-eight  
 Girls, making in the whole One Thou-  
 sand One Hundred and Forty Children;  
 and that the augmented Establishment  
 shall be considered as taking place from  
 the 25th of December, 1808. Whereof  
 the Commissioners for the Affairs of  
 Our Royal Military Asylum, and all  
 others concerned, are to take Notice,  
 and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN at our Court at Saint  
 James's, this 24th Day of February,  
 1809, in the Forty-ninth Year of Our  
 Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

J. PULTENEY.

WARRANT FOR ADDING EIGHT BOYS  
AND FIFTY TWO GIRLS TO THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ROYAL  
MILITARY ASYLUM, AND FOR EN-  
CREASING THE SALARIES OF THE  
MATRON, ASSISTANT-MATRON, AND  
THREE SCHOOL MISTRESSES OF THAT  
INSTITUTION.

*By His Royal Highness the Prince  
Regent of the United Kingdom of  
Great Britain and Ireland.*

GEORGE P. R.

WHEREAS His Majesty was  
pleased by His Warrant, bearing Date  
the 24th of February, 1809, to direct  
that the Number of Children to be ad-  
mitted into the Royal Military Asylum,  
should not exceed One Thousand One  
Hundred and Forty: and Whereas,

from the extent of the Army, and from the great Proportion thereof usually employed on Foreign Service, it is become highly expedient to make further Provision for the Maintenance and Education of distressed Children of Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers belonging to His Majesty's Regular Forces : OUR Will and Pleasure therefore is, in the Name, and on the Behalf, of his Majesty, that the Number to be admitted into the said Asylum, shall be extended to Eight Hundred Boys, and Four Hundred Girls, making in the whole One Thousand Two Hundred Children, exclusive of the Infant Establishment at the Isle of Wight ; And Whereas, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Royal Military Asylum aforesaid, have represented that it is expedient to make the following Additions to the Salaries of the Female Officers of the said Institution ; viz.



To the Salary of the Matron, Thirty  
Pounds per Annum.

To the Salary of the Assistant-Matron,  
Ten Pounds per Annum.

To the Salary of each of the three  
School-mistresses, Six Pounds Fif-  
teen Shillings per Annum.

And the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have concurred in the Propriety of granting the said encrease: OUR Will and Pleasure further is, in the Name, and on the Behalf, of His Majesty, that the Salaries of the said Female Officers be accordingly encreased, by the Sums above-mentioned. The said Arrangements to be considered as taking Place, respectively from the 25th of March last inclusive.

Whereof the Commissioners for the Affairs of His Majesty's Royal Military Asylum, and all others concerned, are



to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given at Our Court at Carlton House, this Tenth Day of October, 1811, in the Fifty-first Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By the Command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the Name, and on the Behalf, of His Majesty,

**PALMERSTON.**

GEORGE P. R.

*By His Royal Highness the Prince  
Regent of the United Kingdom of  
Great Britain and Ireland.*

WHEREAS WE have thought proper to augment the Establishment of Our Royal Military Asylum, so as to provide for the Maintenance and Education of Four Hundred additional Boys, and to direct that a Building suitable for their reception should be fitted up at Southampton: and Whereas, the Commissioners of Our said Asylum have submitted to us the annexed Establishment of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Servants, for conducting that Branch of the Asylum; which Establishment We are pleased to

approve of: OUR Will and Pleasure therefore is, in the Name, and on the Behalf, of His Majesty, that the same do accordingly take effect, from the Twenty-fifth of June, 1816, inclusive.

It is Our further Pleasure, that all the Rules and Instructions contained in His Majesty's Warrant of the Twenty-Fourth of June, 1801, with regard to the Establishment of Our Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea, be observed in the Management of the Branch of that Institution at Southampton, so far as the same may be applicable.

And for so doing, this shall be as well to the Commissioners of Our Royal Military Asylum, as to all others whom it doth concern, a sufficient Warrant, Authority, and Direction.

Given at Our Court at Carlton House, this Fifth Day of May, 1817, in the Fifty-seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By Command of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the Name, and on the Behalf, of His Majesty.

(Signed,)

PALMERSTON.

ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, SERVANTS, AND CHILDREN, FOR THE ROYAL MILITARY ASYLUM AT SOUTHAMPTON.

		Charge per Annum.		
		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1 Commandant	....at 10 <i>s.</i> <i>per Diem</i>	182	10	0
1 Chaplain	.....	100	0	0
1 Subaltern	.....at 5 <i>s.</i> ditto	91	5	0
1 Assistant Surgeon	at 7 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> ditto	136	17	6
1 Serjeant-Major	..at 3 <i>s.</i> ditto ..	54	15	0
1 Q.-M.-Serjeant	at 3 <i>s.</i> ditto ..	54	15	0
1 Master Tailor	ditto at 2 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> ditto	42	11	8
1 Mast. Shoemaker	do. at 2 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> ditto	42	11	8
1 Hospital Serjeant	at 1 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i> ditto	33	9	2
4 Serj. Assist.—each	at 1 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i> ditto	133	16	8
1 Serjeant Porter	..at 2 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i> ditto	51	14	2
1 Pioneer Corporal	..at 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> ditto	45	12	6

Charge per Annum.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1 Drummer..... at 1 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> per Diem	21	5	10
1 Cook .....	14	0	0
1 Assistant Cook .....	10	0	0
1 Laundress .....	14	0	0
1 Assistant Laundress .....	10	0	0
2 Hosp. Nurses, each 12 <i>l.</i> per Ann.	24	0	0
1 Knitting Mistress .....	14	0	0
8 Comp. Nurses,—each 10 <i>l.</i> per Ann.	80	0	0
400 Boys.			

REGULATIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF  
THE OFFICERS, ASSISTANTS, AND  
SERVANTS, OF THE ROYAL MILITARY  
ASYLUM, IN THE EXECUTION OF  
THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES.



DUTY OF THE COMMANDANT.

The Commandant must be Resident in the House; over the interior Economy of which, He has a general Superintendence and Control.

All the Officers, Assistants, and Servants, are subject to his Orders; and, as he is responsible for their Conduct, He is hereby invested with Power to suspend (until the next Meeting of the Committee) any of the Officers not

holding Commissions, Assistants, or Servants, whose misconduct may deserve it. It will be his Duty to Report to the Committee all occurrences that may call for their attention ; and He will constantly exercise his utmost care and vigilance in promoting the general Welfare of the Institution.

It is of essential consequence that all Payments should, as far as practicable, be regularly made every Quarter, under the authority of the General Board : But, as there will be many casual Disbursements, which cannot be conveniently postponed to those Periods ; the Treasurer will be authorized by the Commissioners to advance to the Commandant, from time to time, as they shall see occasion, such moderate Sums as they may deem necessary for such Disbursements ; and the Commandant will direct the Quarter-



Master and Steward to make those Payments ; to take proper Receipts in the name of the Treasurer ; and to keep a regular Account of the same : which Account (with the Receipts) shall be produced by the Commandant every Quarter, for examination by the Committee, and for confirmation by the Board.



#### DUTY OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive all Monies applicable to the purposes of this Institution, and deposit it in the Bank of England ; and pay the same agreeably to such orders as the Commissioners shall from time to time issue, in conformity to the directions contained in His Majesty's Warrant of this Date.

He is to produce Accompts annually (with Vouchers in the Form approved by the Commissioners) of all Monies by him received and expended for the Royal Military Asylum ; and, after his Accompts shall have been examined and approved by the Commissioners, He shall finally pass the same, according to the Practice observed in regard to the Accompts of other Public Military Institutions.

He shall, at all times when required, furnish the Board, or Committee, with a state of the Balance of Cash in his hands ; and with such other Information as they may call for respecting his Accompts as Treasurer of this Institution.

DUTY OF THE CHAPLAIN AND SUPER-  
INTENDANT OF MORALS AND EDU-  
CATION.

The Chaplain is to be Resident in the House. His Duty will be to read Prayers twice, and preach once, at least, every Sunday; and likewise on Christmas Day, Good Friday, and every Public Fast, or Festival, that may be directed by the Ordinary; and it is the positive order of the Commissioners, that all the Officers, Assistants, and Servants, of the Establishment, shall regularly attend Divine Service on Sundays, and on the Public Fasts and Festivals.

The Chaplain is to examine the Children in the Church Catechism, and instruct them in the meaning thereof, according to their capacities, every Sunday; and to read Prayers to them

on every Wednesday, and Friday Morning.—He is also to be responsible for, and to have a general Superintendence of, the Education of the Children ; to take care that they duly and reverently attend Public Worship ; to reprove them for any irregularities and vices, which he shall observe, or know them to be guilty of ; and, if they do not amend after admonition, he is to Report their Behaviour in Writing to the Commandant. It will likewise be his Duty to have a watchful Eye over the Moral and Religious Conduct of the Officers, Assistants, and Servants, of the Institution ; and likewise to visit frequently, and at uncertain times, the Schools, Workshops, Refectories, and Dormitories ; and particularly to Report to the Commandant, if He hear any Oaths or indecent expressions made use of by the Children, or by the under Officers, or Servants,

of the Institution. In fine, He shall in every respect, to the best of his ability, endeavour that the Children be carefully instructed in the Principles of Virtue and Religion ; and that a pious, sober, and orderly, conduct be observed by every Person in the Asylum.



#### DUTY OF THE ADJUTANT AND SECRETARY.

The Adjutant and Secretary is to be Resident ; and to consider himself in all respects amenable to the Commandant.

It will be his Duty to summon, and attend, all Meetings of the Board and Committee ; and in the notices for ex-

traordinary Meetings, either of a General Board or Committee, he shall insert the cause of such Meetings ; He is to take down, and preserve, Minutes of all the Proceedings of the Commissioners ; and to produce them fairly written in a Book, at the next succeeding Meeting ; as also, whenever called for by a Commissioner, or by the Commandant.

He shall keep a Register of such Children as shall be admitted into the Asylum ; with their Names and Ages, Time of Admission, the Regiment to which the Father of the Child belonged ; and his Parochial Settlement, when the same can be ascertained ; also, of the manner in which such Child is disposed of, on quitting the Asylum.

He shall likewise keep a Book, wherein shall be constantly recorded

the behaviour of each of the Children.

He is also to examine, check, and keep, all the Accounts of the Institution; and to enter the Abstract thereof in a Book, for the examination of the Commandant, the Committee, and the Board, previously to, or immediately after, their being ordered for Payment.

He is to keep, and deliver out, all such School Books, and Stationery, to the Serjeant Major of Instruction, as may from time to time be wanted; taking a Receipt for them.

He is to see that the Serjeants attend strictly to their Duty, and maintain proper Discipline and Order among the Children; and that both they, and the Children, do keep them-



selves clean and neat in their Persons; for which purpose, it is expected that he shall frequently be in the Schools and Workshops, and visit the Refectories, and Dormitories, and Report to the Commandant any irregularities he may observe.

He will attend to the drill of the Boys; and to such other Military Duties as are incident to the situation of Adjutant, or as the Commandant may from time to time require of him.



#### DUTY OF THE QUARTER MASTER AND STEWARD.

The Quarter Master and Steward is to be Resident in the House. It is his Duty to examine all the Provisions, Stores, and Clothing, sent in;



to see that they are of the Quality, and charged at the Price, contracted for, under the orders of the Board ; to give Check Receipts to the several Tradesmen furnishing the same, and to take a Counter Check from them in like manner.

He must be provided with Scales, Weights, Measures, &c. to ascertain the Quantities of every Article brought in, which he shall regularly enter into a Store Book, under their respective heads ; to enable the Secretary to examine the Tradesmen's Accounts at the end of each Quarter previously to their being paid.

He shall be accountable for all Receipts, Issues, and Remains, and keep a regular account thereof ; and shall not allow any waste to be committed by the Servants, or suffer any

articles of Provisions, Clothing, or Stores, to be carried out of the House ; but shall report the same, or any other irregularity that may come under his notice, to the Commandant.

He is to take care that every thing necessary be provided, and in readiness for the meals of the Children, at the following Hours ; viz. Breakfast at Eight o'Clock in Summer, and at Nine o'Clock in Winter ; Dinner at One o'Clock the Year round ; and Supper, at Seven o'Clock in Summer, and Six o'Clock in Winter.



#### DUTY OF THE SURGEON.

The Surgeon is to be Resident in the House. It will be his Duty to

examine all the Children brought to the Asylum for Admission, and to Report on any special cases occurring among them ; to take charge of the Sick ; to regulate all matters within the line of his professional Duty, respecting them and the Wards appropriated for their reception ; and from time to time to suggest to the Committee (through the Commandant) whatever may in his Judgment appear likely to contribute to the better health of the Children in general.



#### DUTY OF THE SERJEANT-MAJOR OF INSTRUCTION.

The Serjeant-Major of Instruction shall cause the Boys to rise, by beat of Drum, at Six in the Morning from

the 25th of March to the 29th of September; and at Seven o'Clock in the Morning from the 29th of September to the 25th of March.

He is to allow the Boys one hour to clean their Shoes, wash their Hands and Faces, and to have their Heads combed.

He is then to read, or cause one of the Senior Boys to read, such Prayers as may be directed by the Chaplain; after which he shall cause them to proceed to the School-business of Reading, Writing, and the four first Rules in Arithmetic, or to such other employments as may be assigned, to qualify them either for the Duties of a Soldier, or for other subordinate situations in Life.

He is previously to examine each Boy, to see that he be washed clean.

and dressed in a proper manner ; and if this should have been neglected to be done, he is to deliver the Boy, so improperly dressed, to the Serjeant or Nurse of the Ward to which such Boy belongs, to be put in order ; and he will report any repetition of neglect in the same person to the Commandant.

He, and his Assistants, are to attend the Boys at all meals, and to cause one of them to say Grace, before and after each meal.

He, and his Assistants, are also to attend the Boys at their hours of recreation, to prevent them from behaving improperly in any respect.

He, and his Assistants, are to see that the Boys are all in Bed at the hours appointed ; and that no Fire, or Candle, is left in their Dormitories.

He, and his Assistants, are to see that the Boys are decently and properly dressed on Sundays, previously to their attending Divine Service; where they are all required to be present with the Children.

He will promote, to the utmost of his power, Good-will, Friendship, and Cordiality, among the Children; endeavouring to impress them with those sentiments of Virtue and Religion which may best enable them to regulate their future conduct.

He will be especially careful that no profane or indecent expressions be on any occasion made use of to them, or in their hearing, by his Assistants, or the Servants; And whenever he may discover any species of Vice or Immorality, or tendency thereto, in the Children, or any improper conduct

towards them on the part of the Assistants or Servants, he is immediately to Report the same to the Adjutant, or (through him) to the Commandant; according to the nature and degree of the offence.

He is to make a Weekly Return of what Stationery may be wanted; in order that it may be delivered to him by the Secretary, who will take his Receipts for the same.

He is to have especial care that the Assistants do their Duty diligently in the Instruction of the Boys; and, at convenient times, he is to hear and examine the respective Classes under their care.



## DUTY OF THE SERJEANT-ASSISTANTS.

The Serjeant-Assistants are to be suborninate to, and follow the Instructions of, the Serjeant-Major; and to assist him in every Department of his Office, to the utmost of their abilities.

They are to watch over the Boys, when at their Recreation; to prevent them from doing mischief, or acting improperly in any respect.

They are constantly to attend Divine Service with the Children.

They are to abstain from the use of Profane or Indecent Language; and in all respects to behave themselves Religiously and Soberly; so as, by their example, to excite in the Children an emulation to Virtue.



They are to be present with the Boys at Meal-times ; and to assist the Serjeant-Major in keeping Silence, and maintaining a decency of Behaviour, during Meals ; and in seeing that the Candles and Fires be extinguished in proper time in the Boys' Dormitories.

The Pioneer Corporals are to do such Pioneer Duties as the Commandant may direct.



#### DUTY OF THE DRUMMER.

The Drummer is to beat the Drum at the hours appointed for the Children's Meals ; for their rising in the Morning, and going to Bed in the Evening ; and at any other times, or for any other purpose, that may be directed by the Commandant.

He is to teach such Boys to beat the Drum, as may be appointed by the Commandant.

He is also to inflict such Corporeal Punishment on the Boys, as may be ordered by the Commandant.



#### DUTY OF THE MATRON.

The Matron shall be Resident in the House. She is to have the direction of the Female Servants, subject to the Control of the Commandant; and the entire management of the Girls, with whom she shall be present during their Meals.

The Rules which are above detailed for the Boys, in regard to the times of rising and going to Bed, the Hours of Instruction, the Reading of

Prayers in the Morning, and the Saying of Grace before and after each Meal, are to be equally and uniformly maintained among the Girls, under the immediate direction of the Matron, who shall be responsible for the due observance of the same.

She is to superintend the Education of the Girls in Reading, Writing, Sewing, Knitting, Marking, Washing, and getting up Linen ; in Kitchen and House-work ; and in such other Female Employments, as may qualify them for useful Servants.

She is to take care, that, during their continuance in this Institution, they be properly employed in the School, and in the domestic duties of the Establishment, as far as their Ages and Abilities will permit.

She is to take care that one of the Female Teachers, or Attendants, be always present with the Girls at their Hours of Recreation, to prevent them from behaving improperly in any respect.

She is to take under her charge from the Steward (giving him a Receipt for the same) the House Linen, Children's Linen, and Bedding.

She is to see that the Children's and House Linen be as much as possible made up and repaired by the Girls; that the Linen of the Children be properly changed; and that the Beds be likewise furnished with clean Sheets, at such times as shall be directed.

She must take care, that the Nurses be constantly attentive to the keep-

ing of the Children's Heads clean and well combed, and to the washing of their Feet thrice a week, at the least, in Summer, and twice a Week in Winter.

She is Personally to inspect the Dormitories of the Girls, both in the Day-time, and after they go to Bed ; and she will not fail to apply to the Commandant, whenever she may consider his interference necessary, to enforce a due obedience to her Orders.

She is to take care that the Girls go to Bed, and rise in the Morning, at the Hours appointed ; that they come into School properly washed and combed ; that they be regularly employed while in the School ; and that such as are of an Age for that purpose, be sent in rotation to be employed in Kitchen, Laundry, and House Work.

She is to take care that they be occupied at stated times in making and repairing their own Apparel, and the Linen and Stockings of the Boys ; and to see that the same be regularly changed at the times directed.



#### DUTY OF THE ASSISTANT MATRON.

The Assistant Matron is to be Resident in the House, and to assist the Matron in the performance of her various duties.



#### DUTY OF THE READING MISTRESS, AND OF THE KNITTING MISTRESS AND SEMPSTRESS.

Beside the particular Objects for which the Reading Mistress, and the

Knitting Mistress and Sempstress, are respectively engaged, they shall assist the Matron, and Assistant Matron, in their several Duties, as may be required.



#### DUTY OF THE NURSES.

The Nurses are to see that the Children retire orderly to their Beds at the Hour appointed, and rise in the Morning in the same manner.

They are to take care, that the Children be properly washed and combed, and their Clothes decently put on, before they attend in the School; and that their Feet be regularly washed at Night, three times a Week in Summer, and twice a Week in Winter.



They are likewise to take care, that the Dormitories, and their own Apartment, be constantly kept clean, and in proper Order; and that the Bedding, Sheets, Towels, and Children's Clothing, delivered to their care, be kept in repair, and regularly returned to the Matron, at the times appointed.



#### DUTY OF THE NURSES FOR THE INFIRMARY.

It is the Duty of each Nurse in the Infirmary to take care of all the Children committed to her charge; to keep them clean, and to comb them daily.

She must never wash the Apartments where the Sick Children are



kept, without permission of the Medical Officers having the charge of them; she shall be careful that all Medicines, &c. delivered to her be punctually administered at the times prescribed by such Officers; and she shall, in every respect, implicitly obey their Directions, and those of the Matron.

She is never to be absent from the Infirmary; nor to suffer the Relations or Friends of the Children to come there, without the Permission of the Commandant, or Matron; and she shall in all respects conduct herself soberly and properly, as becomes a Person intrusted with the care of the Sick.

## DUTY OF THE COOK.

The Cook is to be under the immediate Control of the Matron; and likewise of the Steward, from whom she shall daily receive the necessary Quantity of Provisions for the Institution.

She is to be punctual in preparing the several Meals at the hours appointed; She shall likewise instruct such of the Girls in Kitchen-work, as may be sent to her, in Monthly or Weekly rotation, for that purpose; She shall keep the Kitchen and Utensils clean, and in order; She shall not dispose of any Provisions, Kitchen-stuff, or Ashes, on any account whatever; and she shall in all respects behave herself honestly, soberly, and quietly in her Station.

## DUTY OF THE LAUNDRESS.

The Laundress is to receive from the Matron, every Monday Morning, the Children's Linen, and such House Linen as is to be washed in the Week ; and to take care that the Washing be done in a proper manner, without damaging the Linen, and she shall return the several articles back to the Matron, at the times appointed.

She shall likewise instruct and employ such Girls in Laundry Work, as may, from time to time, be sent for that purpose ; and she must take care, that the Laundry, and all the Utensils belonging to her Department, be kept constantly clean, and in order.

### DUTY OF THE SERJEANT PORTER.

The Serjeant Porter is constantly to reside at his Lodge ; for the cleanliness and decent Appearance of which, at all times, he shall be responsible.

He shall not suffer any Child to go out, without a Ticket, or an Order in Writing from the Commandant ; nor any Servant, without leave from the proper Officer.

He shall not allow the Friends or Relations of any of the Children to pass into the Asylum, without the like permission.

The Attention of all, and every of the Officers, Assistants, and Servants, whose particular Duties have been pointed out in the foregoing Regulations, is required, and must constantly and invariably be given, to the following Order, contained in His Majesty's Warrant of this Date :

“ The Officers, Assistants, and  
 “ Servants, belonging to Our Royal  
 “ Military Asylum, shall not, directly  
 “ or indirectly, demand or receive any  
 “ Perquisite; or any Emolument what-  
 “ ever, beyond the Pay and Allow-  
 “ ances annexed to their respective  
 “ Employments, as specified in this  
 “ Our Warrant, or otherwise expressly  
 “ authorized by Our Commissioners :  
 “ and any such Officers, Assistants,  
 “ or Servants, offending herein, shall  
 “ be deemed to have forfeited their  
 “ Situations.”

Given under Our Hands, at the  
Board Room of the Royal Military  
Asylum, this 26th Day of April, 1805.

FREDERICK, C. in C. President.

EDWARD, General.

ERNEST, Lieut. General.

ADOLPHUS FREDERICK, Lieut. General.

HARRINGTON, General.

B. WINTON.

D. DUNDAS, Governor of Chelsea Hospital.

G. HEWITT, Lieut. General.

ROBERT BROWNRIGG, Major General.

HARRY CALVERT, Major General.







# DIET TABLE, ROYAL MILITARY ASYLUM, FOR ONE CHILD.

DAYS.	BREAKFAST.	DINNER.	SUPPER.
SUNDAY.	Milk Pottage. Milk, 1-6th of a Quart. Oatmeal, 1-16th of a Pound. Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf.	Beef, roasted, 8 Ounces. Potatoes, 12 Ounces. Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.	Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Cheese, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.
MONDAY.	Ditto.	Pudding, Suet, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce. Flour, 6 Ounces. Potatoes, 8 Ounces. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.	Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.
TUESDAY.	Ditto.	Beef 8 Ounces, } Stewed. Potatoes, 12 Ounces, } Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.	Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Cheese, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.
WEDNESDAY.	Ditto.	Soup, Pease, 1 Gill. Potatoes, 12 Ounces. Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.	Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.
THURSDAY.	Ditto.	Beef, 8 Ounces, } Potatoes, 12 Ounces, } Stewed. Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.	Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Cheese, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.
FRIDAY.	Ditto.	Pudding, Suet, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce. Flour, 6 Ounces. Potatoes, 8 Ounces. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.	Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.
SATURDAY.	Ditto.	Mutton, 8 Ounces, } Potatoes, 12 Ounces, } Stewed. Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.	Bread, 1-20th of a Quartern Loaf. Cheese, $1\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce. Beer, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint.

N. B. The Meat is estimated as taken from the Butcher, including Bone.  
A Proportion of the very small Children on 6 Ounces of Meat.

## DIET OF SERJEANTS, NURSES, &c.

DAYS.	DINNER.	ALLOWANCE.
SUNDAY..... MONDAY ..... TUESDAY ..... WEDNESDAY .. THURSDAY .. FRIDAY ..... SATURDAY ..	Roast Beef 1 Pound, Potatoes 1 Pound, Bread 1 Pound. Ditto. Ditto. Pulse $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pint, Bacon $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pound, Potatoes 1 Pound Ditto. Stewed Beef, 1 Pound, Ditto. Mutton, baked, 1 Pound, Ditto. Mutton, boiled, 1 Pound, Ditto.	Beer 3 Pints per Diem. A SERJEANT, 1 Pound of Cheese Weekly. $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pound of Butter Ditto. A NURSE, Weekly, $\frac{1}{2}$ a Pound of Cheese, 1 Pound of Butter Ditto.



FORMS OF APPLICATION, RECOMMENDATION, AND  
CERTIFICATES, FOR THE ADMISSION OF

BOYS

INTO THE ROYAL MILITARY ASYLUM.

DATE.

To His Royal Highness the *COMMANDER IN CHIEF*, and Others, His *MAJESTY'S*  
*COMMISSIONERS* for the Management of the Affairs of the Royal Military Asylum.

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**SHEWETH**, that the said  
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annexed Certificates will appear.

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That\*

\* Here state the Service and present Situation of the Father; the Situation of the Mother, (if living,) and Number and Age of their other Children (if any.)

Your Petitioner therefore humbly Prays, that the

said

may be admitted into the **ROYAL MILITARY ASYLUM**; and if this Prayer be granted, your Petitioner hereby agrees, that the said Boy shall remain in the Asylum as long as the Commissioners thereof shall think fit; and that, when of proper Age, he shall be disposed of at their Discretion, as an Apprentice, or Servant; or placed, with his own free Consent, as a Private Soldier, in the Regular Army.

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† To be signed by the Parent or Person who has Charge of the Child.

CERTIFICATE

## CERTIFICATE AND RECOMMENDATION.

☞ [To be signed by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment ; unless the Regiment be abroad, and the Child at home ; in which Case, it is to be signed by the Colonel, or (in his absence from GREAT BRITAIN OR IRELAND) by the Senior Officer of the Regiment, who may happen to be at home.]

**I HEREBY certify, That**  
served in His Majesty's

Regiment of  
Years, during which Time he conducted himself as a  
good Soldier ; That he \*

\* Here state whether the Soldier is still in the Regiment, or dead ; or discharged ; if dead, whether he died in the Service ; and, if discharged, the Date of his Discharge, and whether he was recommended to Chelsea.

I further certify, according to the best of my Knowledge and Belief, that the several Circumstances contained in the Petition on the preceding Page of this Paper are truly stated ; and that the Applicant has no Parent capable of supporting Him ; wherefore I recommend Him as an Object worthy of the benevolent Attention of the COMMISSIONERS of the ROYAL MILITARY ASYLUM.

☞ Signature of the Officer †

N. B. The Children to be admitted into this Institution must be *five from mental and bodily Defect or Infirmity*. They must be the Children of *Men actually serving in the REGULAR ARMY* ; or have been born *before their Fathers ceased to serve therein* ; and the Fathers, if living at the Time of Application, must either be still in the *Regular Service, or Out-Pensioners*.

The *Age* of the FEMALES must not exceed TEN Years.  
The *Age* of the MALES must not exceed TWELVE Years.

CHILDREN under the *Age* of FIVE Years will not be admitted, except when belonging to *Regiments ordered to embark for Foreign Stations* ; or in the Case of ORPHANS, or under other Circumstances of *peculiar Distress*, which must be *specially stated*.

## A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE,

Signed by the Officiating Minister of the Parish, must be annexed to this **IN ORIGINAL**. Where it cannot be had, the Reason is to be assigned; and, in that case, the Commanding Officer is to certify the Place and Date of Marriage, according to the best Information he can obtain.

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### A CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH AND BAPTISM,

Signed by the Officiating Minister, must be annexed to this **IN ORIGINAL**. Where it cannot be had, the Reason is to be assigned; and, in that Case, the Commanding Officer is to certify the Place and Date of the Birth of the Child, according to the best Information that he can obtain.

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N. B. The original Certificates will be returned when required. No Copy can be admitted as valid.—Nor will the Commanding Officer's Certificate be deemed satisfactory, in any Case where a sufficient Reason for the Non-production of the Minister's Certificate is not assigned.

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### CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH.\*

**I HAVE** examined  
no Defect in Sight, Body, or Limbs; is not afflicted with Fits, or with any infectious Disease whatever; and has no mental Infirmary.

and find that he has

\* This to be signed by the Regimental Surgeon; or, if the Child shall be absent from the Regiment to which its Father belongs, by a sufficient Medical Practitioner.

SURGEON.

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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR THE ADMISSION OF

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